

REMARKS

A Notice of Insufficient Fees dated April 12, 2007 requested the payment of a fee for an additional independent claim presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 18, 2006.

However, Claim 3 of a previously filed Preliminary Amendment was intended to be a dependent claim depending on Claim 1, and not an independent claim. Claim 3 was counted as an independent claim as a result of a typographical error in Claim 3, as presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 18, 2006.

The present Second Preliminary Amendment revises the form of Claim 3 to correct the typographical error in the previously filed Preliminary Amendment, and presents Claim 3 in its intended form as a dependent claim depending from parent independent Claim 1.

Other than the revision to the form of Claim 3, the claims presented in the present Second Preliminary Amendment are identical to the claims presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 18, 2006.

Since only three independent claims are now pending in the present application, and no further fee for any additional independent claims in excess of three (3) is due.

Applicant apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the typographical error in Claim 3 as presented in the form in which it was previously presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 18, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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